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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** 

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A crotch-possessing corrective garment

comprising:

a tightening portion in an area fitting over a wearer's body, for which the

magnitude of a tightening force the tightening portion's resistance to streething

varies with direction:

wherein when the garment is being worn, the tightening portion runs from

above the anal cleft of the wearer's body, extending left and right passing above the

left and right buttocks of the wearer's body, and downwards along the outer sides of

the left and right thighs to the vicinities of to a position overlying the left and right

greater trochanters at left and right outer sides of the wearer's body, and the

tightening force the tightening portion's resistance to streething in the direction in

which the tightening portion runs is made to be lower than the tightening force the

tightening portion's resistance to strecthing in the direction orthogonal thereto in a

plane parrallel to the surface of the skin of the wear's body over which the

tightening portion overlies.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A crotch-possessing corrective garment

comprising:

a left/right left and right pair of tightening portions in an area fitting over a

wearer's body, for which the magnitude of a tightening force the tightening portions'

resistance to strecthing varies with direction;

wherein when the garment is being worn, each of the left/right left and right

pair of tightening portions runs from the vicinity of a position overlying one of the

left and right greater trochanter at left and right outer sides of the wearer's body

upwards along the outer-thigh to above one of the left and right buttock of the

wearer's body such as to point to above the anal cleft of the wearer's body, and the

tightening force the tightening portions' resistance to streething in the direction in

which each of the left/right left and right pair of tightening portions run is made to be

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lower than the tightening force the tightening portions' resistance to strecthing in the

direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parrallel to the surface of the skin of the

wear's body over which each of the tightening portions overlie.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 1, further having thigh portions that fit over the wearer's thighs,

wherein the tightening portion further runs from the vicinities of the position

overlying the greater trochanters along the outsides of the thigh portions.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 2, further having thigh portions that fit over the wearer's thighs,

wherein the tightening portions further run from the vicinities of the position

overlying the greater trochanters along the outsides of the thigh portions.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 1, wherein when the garment is being worn, the tightening portion

has a shape that is curved above the buttocks of the wearer's body in the plane

parrallel to the surface of the skin of the wear's body over which the tightening

portion overlies.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 2, wherein when the garment is being worn, the tightening

portions have a shape that is curved above the buttocks of the wearer's body in the

plane parrallel to the surface of the skin of the wear's body over which the tightening

portions overlie.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 1, wherein when the garment is being worn, in a left lumbar

region and a right lumber region of the wearer's body, the tightening portion is

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forked upward to the front and the rear to form front and rear forks, and the rear forks run from the vicinities of the position overlying the left and right greater trochanters of the wearer's body to above the left and right buttocks of the wearer's body such as to point to above the anal cleft of the wearer's body, and the front forks run from the greater trochanters of the wearer's body upward.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein when the garment is being worn, in a left lumbar region and a right lumber region of the wearer's body, the tightening portions are forked upward to the front and the rear to form front and rear forks, and the rear forks run from the vicinities of the position overlying the left and right greater trochanters of the wearer's body to above the left and right buttocks of the wearer's body such as to point to above the anal cleft of the wearer's body, and the front forks run from the greater trochanters of the wearer's body upward.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 1, wherein a left/right left and right pair of supplementary tightening portions are provided so as to run along the tightening portion in front of the tightening portion in the lumbar region on the left and the right of the wearer's body, and the tightening force the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to streething in the direction in which each of the left/right left and right pair of supplementary tightening portions runs is made to be lower than the tightening force the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to streething in the direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parrallel to the surface of the skin of the wear's body over which each of the supplementary tightening portions overlie.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 2, wherein a left/right left and right pair of supplementary tightening portions are provided so as to run along the tightening portions in front of

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the tightening portions in the lumbar region on the left and the right of the wearer's body, and the tightening force the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to streething in the direction in which each of the left/right left and right pair of supplementary tightening portions runs is made to be lower than the tightening force in the direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parrallel to the surface of the skin of the wear's body over which each of the supplementary tightening portions overlie.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment comprising:

a tightening portion in an area fitting over a wearer's body;

and supplementary tightening portions for which the magnitude of a tightening force the tightening portion's and the supplementary tightening portions' resistance to streething varies with direction;

wherein the tightening portion runs from the vicinities of a position overlying the left and right greater trochanters at left and right outer sides of the wearer's body upwards along the outer sides of the left and right thighs to above the left and right buttocks of the wearer's body such as to point to above the anal cleft of the wearer's body when the garment is being worn, and the supplementary tightening portions are provided along the tightening portions in front of the tightening portion;

and the tightening force the resistance to stretching in the direction in which each of the tightening portion and the supplementary tightening portions runs is made to be lower than the tightening force the resistance to stretching in the direction orthogonal thereto in a plane parrallel to the surface of the skin of the wear's body over which the tightening portion and each of the supplementary tightening portions overlie.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment according to claim 9, wherein the supplementary tightening portions are made so as

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to broaden in a downward direction as the supplementary tightening portions run

downward along the tightening portion when the garment is being worn.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 10, wherein the supplementary tightening portions are made so as

to broaden in a downward direction narrow as the supplementary tightening portions

run upwards along the tightening portion when the garment is being worn.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 11, wherein the supplementary tightening portions are made so as

to broaden in a downward direction narrow as the supplementary tightening portions

run upwards along the tightening portion when the garment is being worn.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 1, further comprising a body front tightening portion that is

constituted from a material having a tightening force resistance to stretching, and

runs from above the crotch in the front center of the wearer's body, upward to the left

and right from above the crotch in the front center when the garment is being worn.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 2, further comprising a body front tightening portion that is

constituted from a material having a tightening force resistance to stretching, and

runs from above the crotch in the front center of the wearer's body, upward to the left

and right from above the crotch in the front center when the garment is being worn.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 11, further comprising a body front tightening portion that is

constituted from a material having a tightening force resistance to stretching, and

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runs from above the crotch in the front center of the wearer's body, upward to the left

and right from above the crotch in the front center when the garment is being worn.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 1, wherein the tightening portion is belt-shaped has an

approximately constant width.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 2, wherein the tightening portions are belt-shaped have an

approximately constant width.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 11, wherein the tightening portion is belt-shaped has an

approximately constant width.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 1, wherein the tightening portion is formed through power change

in a single piece of fabric by at least one of circular knitting and warp-knitting warp-

knitted fabric.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 2, wherein the tightening portions are formed through power

change in a single piece of fabric by at least one of circular knitting and warp-

knitting warp-knitted fabric.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 11, wherein the tightening portion is formed through power

change in a single piece of fabric by at least one of circular knitting and warp-

knitting warp-knitted fabric.

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Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 1, characterized by being wherein the garment is any of a girdle,

spats, sports tights, a leotard, a body suit, tights, or men's pants, tights or spats.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 2, characterized by being wherein the garment is any of a girdle,

spats, sports tights, a leotard, a body suit, tights, or men's pants, tights or spats.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The crotch-possessing corrective garment

according to claim 11, characterized by being wherein the garment is any of a girdle,

spats, sports tights, a leotard, a body suit, tights, or-men's pants, tights or spats.